

Minutes  
Town of Acton Community Preservation Committee  
September 12, 2013  
Acton Memorial Library – moved to Room 126 Town Hall

Members Present: Peter Ashton, Roland Bourdon (Chair), Tory Beyer, Amy Green, Susan Mitchell-Hardt, Ken Sghia-Hughes, Kristen Domurad-Guichard, Herman Kabakoff (Finance Committee)

Memorial Library was closed due to Staff Development day. Members waited outside until 7:50 and then left two notes of the library doors that the meeting was moved to Room 126 of the Town Hall

The meeting was opened at 7:55 by Chair Bourdon

1. Annual Public Meeting for 2014 Community Preservation Plan
  - a. Franny Osman of Wright Hill Associates (WHA) provided update on efforts of that group to purchase and protect property at Wright Terrace. Property has been purchased and they are getting appraisals for the 4 acres on which the house site and the remaining 13 acres. Intend to submit a CPA application for Town to purchase all or part of the property. They are working with the Open Space Committee. They will be exploring other funding options such as partial development (including possible affordable housing). WHA would submit application, but in coordination with Open Space Committee

Acton Conservation Trust is working with WHA for a site walk on October 27 at 3:00

- b. Mary Ann Ashton of Morrison Farm Committee (MFC) provided update. MFC has been meeting over the summer to revise plan and consider sequencing of projects. Expect to apply for CPA funds for
    - i. Boardwalk along Ice House Pond
    - ii. Survey and study of Robbins homestead cellar hole
    - iii. Archaeological investigation of ice house foundation

Expected request will be \$200,000 - \$300,000. Noted that they had met with the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail group and that schedule is such that the Morrison Farm connection would not need to be considered in this current year CPA application.

- c. Vicky Wallin introduced herself; attending the Public Meeting to learn more about the CPC. Mr. Bourdon provided a summary of the CPA and various interests represented on the CPC.

- d. Comments from Ann Forbes received by e-mail were discussed
  - i. Item 1 – Committee discussed suggestion that language be added requiring that all projects with impacts to historic resource be required to meet the Secretary of Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation. Committee felt that this change was not needed as the Plan does not specify that projects meet requirements of other federal, state and local regulations
  - ii. Item 2 – Suggested adding Acton High School on list of resources on the National Register of Historic Places; language was added on page 17 of the Plan
  - iii. Item 3 – Suggested changing reference of “historic inventory sheet” to “Historic Properties Inventory Form”; language on page 27 was changed
  - iv. Item 4 – Suggested requiring Historic Properties Inventory Form for any projects involving historic resources that does not already have such a form; discussed that this would be best to be still at our discretion and that the Historic Commission would be best vehicle for this; language was changed to refer to “Historic Properties Inventory Form” as per Item 3
- e. Sghia-Hughes moved to close the Public Meeting; Ashton seconded; Vote: all in favor
- f. Ashton moved to accept the 2014 Community Preservation Plan, with edits as noted above; Beyer seconded; Vote: all in favor

2. Minutes of July 11, 2013 meeting

- a. Correct spelling
- b. Beyer moved to accept the minutes as amended; Sghia-Hughes seconded; Vote: all in favor

3. Administrative Update

- a. Discussion of Department of Revenue review of use of funds for property such as the West Acton Baptist Church (WABC); Mr. Bartl had submitted e-mail to WABC about use of funds; Town Counsel will be reviewing issue; will be an agenda item at next meeting
- b. Reminder of Open Meeting Law required meetings Sept 18 and 25

Ashton moved to adjourn; Sghia-Hughes seconded; Vote: all in favor  
Meeting adjourned 8:45